Position Description
The graduate research assistant (GRA) will assist Higher Education Program faculty with their research. Research areas may include higher education policy and leadership, teaching and learning, community college education, STEM education, and/or assessment in student affairs. The GRA is expected to have at least the master’s level training in statistics and research designs. Supervision will be provided by the Higher Education Program faculty. The GRA offers opportunities to integrate doctoral course work and research interests in project assignments. This is a one-year appointment.

Mission of the Higher Education Program
The Higher Education Program prepares new and mid-level professionals for careers in higher education at community colleges and 4-year institutions, as well as in associations, government agencies, and industries whose activities relate to or impact higher education. The program provides grounding in the principles and practices of higher education and strives to produce informed and reflective practitioners and researchers. Our students and alumni work in a variety of higher education organizations and produce interdisciplinary research.

Qualifications
GRAs must enrolled in a doctoral program at the university with preference given to those in the PhD in Education with a specialization in Higher Education Program. GRAs must maintain good academic standing and be fulltime students.

International students must have a TOEFL score of at least 250 (or at least 100 for the Internet-based TOEFL). TOEFL scores are verified.

Time Commitment:
The GRA position is a 20 hour per week work commitment. Besides assisting with research, the GRA may be required to attend department meetings, GRA meetings, and professional development opportunities. Position begins 2 weeks prior to fall semester 2019.

Compensation:
The compensation package includes an annual $17,000 stipend, health insurance, as well as a tuition waiver for 9 credits for both fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters. Travel money is also available on a limited basis.

To Apply:
Send letter of interest, C.V., and a list of three references to hepadmin@gmu.edu by August 8th, 5pm. A phone or face-to-face interview may be requested.